



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Charles Edward McChesney of Gladstone passed away
3 on November 6, 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, He was born in Burlington, Iowa on May 18, 1928 to
5 Clarence Dale and Maud Della Charles McChesney; he graduated
6 from Biggsville High School in 1945 and attended Iowa State
7 University; on April 23, 1948, he married Edith Marie Conner;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, He was a farmer and a livestock feeder, a
10 grassroots politician and a life-long public servant; he was
11 one of the founders of Gladstone Grain Company and the Gulfport
12 River Terminal; for several years he operated Cheap Charlie's,
13 a retail outlet for salvaged goods; and

14 WHEREAS, He was a 4-H Club leader and president of the
15 Gladstone PTA; he served on the Unit #115 School Board; he
16 served on the Henderson County Fair Board; he was a director on
17 the Western Illinois Electric Cooperative board; he was a
18 co-founder of the Tri-County Cattlemen's Association and
19 Hend-Co-Hills Golf & Country Club; he was a host farmer to
20 Japanese exchange students through the Japanese Agricultural
21 Training Program and was one of only two farmers to tour Japan
22 compliments of the Program; and

23 WHEREAS, He served as chairman of the Henderson County
24 Young Republicans; he founded and organized the Highway 34
25 Coalition and lobbied elected officials in Washington for
26 federal funds to re-route the U.S. Route 34 project between
27 Monmouth, Illinois and Burlington, Iowa; he was a member of
28 Biggsville Methodist Church and, later, of Monmouth's First
29 Baptist Church; and

30 WHEREAS, The passing of Charles Edward McChesney will be

1 deeply felt by many, especially his wife of 56 years, Edith;
2 his daughters, Dr. Cheryl (Kevin Garrett) McChesney, Linda
3 (Tom) Eisenmayer and Marlene McChesney; his son, Kurt
4 McChesney; his 11 grandchildren; his great-granddaughter; his
5 brothers-in-law, Marvin Pohren, Francis Conner and Paul
6 Conner; his niece, Pat Brown; and his nephew, Don Simmons;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 mourn the passing of Charles Edward McChesney along with all
11 who knew and loved him and we extend our sincere condolences to
12 his family and friends during their time of bereavement; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
15 his family as an expression of our deepest sympathy.